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## Trees on Maine Street Bulletin

### IN THE WORKS



photo courtesy of J. Frank Schmidt & Son Co.

**‘Morioka Weeping’ katsuratree**  
*Cercidiphyllum japonicum ‘Morioka Weeping’*

A beautiful tree year round, the bluish-green leaves flutter in the slightest breeze, giving it a moving water effect. This cultivar will reach heights and width of roughly 25 to 30 feet. The leaves turn varying shades of orange and yellow in the fall, and exude a sweet scent reminiscent of caramel. Weeping katsuratree is best used as a specimen where plenty of water and rich soil are available. A Cary Award winner for 2006.

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## MAINE FOREST SERVICE PROJECT CANOPY

Volunteers play a critical role in the development and the success of local urban and community forestry programs. Serving on local boards and commissions, and actively engaging in the more technical aspects of tree pruning and care, volunteers act to promote the urban and community forest to local citizens and decision makers. In an effort to support local volunteers, in 2000 Project Canopy developed the Maine Tree Stewards program. Over the course of the last 6 years, 60 volunteers have been through the Maine Tree Stewards training. This spring, volunteers from Bethel to Boothbay convened in Augusta for training in Tree Biology and Maintenance, Street Tree Inventory, Public Speaking, Tree Health and Community Forestry Program Development. Participants will go on to work in their local community for a total of 40 hours over the course of two years. Project Canopy is there to help them every step of the way. Congratulations and Thanks go out to the 2006 Maine Tree Stewards participants:

Jacquelyn Cressy – Bethel

Gunnar Myrbeck – Gardiner

Vite Vitale – Albion

Sue Violet – Augusta

Margaret Newton – Hallowell

Kathy Hockman – Maine Conservation School

David Taylor – Boothbay Harbor

John Emerson - Westbrook

Leslie Latt – Wayne

For more information about Project Canopy or the Maine Tree Stewards program, please contact the Maine Forest Service at 1-800-367-0223 or visit [www.projectcanopy.org](http://www.projectcanopy.org).

### CONGRATULATIONS PROJECT CANOPY ASSISTANCE RECIPIENTS!

Project Canopy Assistance Grants are available to state, county, and municipal governments, educational institutions, and non-profit organizations for developing and implementing community forestry projects and programs. The following communities and organizations won awards for projects under the 2006 Project Canopy Assistance Program:

City of Bath

City of Belfast

Town of Belgrade

City of Biddeford

Town of Brunswick

Town of China

Town of Dedham

City of Gardiner

Town of Lakeville

Town of Newry

Town of Norway

Town of Orono

Town of Richmond

Western Foothills Land Trust

Town of Scarborough

Town of Topsham

Town of Wade

Town of Windham

You can also learn more about the Project Canopy assistance program by contacting the Maine Forest Service by phone at 1-800-367-0223, or on the web at [www.projectcanopy.org](http://www.projectcanopy.org).

### NEW FISH PASSAGE COST-SHARE PROGRAM

Maine Forest Service announces new enhanced incentives for forest landowners to upgrade stream crossings that may be acting as barriers to fish passage. Improperly installed and inadequately maintained stream crossings can restrict access to important habitat essential for fish survival.

Landowners currently eligible to participate in MFS's **WoodsWISE** and **Project Canopy** programs can apply to receive financial assistance for upgrading substandard stream crossings within important Atlantic salmon watersheds. Funding from the Maine Atlantic Salmon Conservation Fund and the Maine Outdoor Heritage Fund will provide landowners with cost-share assistance of up to 75% for projects that have been prioritized as providing the greatest benefit to Atlantic salmon.

Applications will be accepted May 1<sup>st</sup> to May 31<sup>st</sup>.

Forms, procedures, and requirements are designed to be similar to those for WoodsWISE projects. Some features of the Fish Passage program are:

- both private and public landowners are eligible
- applications are limited to 8 listed Atlantic Salmon watersheds, Eastern Coastal Rivers, and the Penobscot River drainage
- applicants must have a Forest Stewardship Management Plan or equivalent, and be working with an eligible Stewardship Forester
- practices include open-bottom and/or bottomless crossing structures, and must restore/enhance passage for aquatic organisms
- some WoodsWISE restrictions and funding limits are waived.

All applications will be ranked according to the degree of Atlantic salmon/fish passage benefit, and funding determined accordingly. For more information and application forms call the Maine Forest Service's or go to:

[http://www.state.me.us/doc/mfs/fpm/water/small\\_stream\\_crossings.html](http://www.state.me.us/doc/mfs/fpm/water/small_stream_crossings.html)

### GULF COAST TREE ASSESSMENT

The Gulf Coast urban and community forests suffered tremendous damage as a result of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, with damage estimates for coastal communities alone assessed at \$440 million, and another \$250 million for communities near the coast. In response to the overwhelming need for assistance, the USDA Forest Service, in partnership with the Mississippi Forestry Commission, the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry, Davey Tree, the Society of Municipal Arborists, the International Society of Arboriculture, Environmental Systems Research Institute, and the Geospatial Information & Technology Association has been working to assemble and equip trained professionals to make tree damage assessments in the Gulf Coast. Together they hope to provide communities an assessment of publicly owned trees and trees on private property that could adversely affect public rights of way. Teams of



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**“The forest is a peculiar organism of unlimited kindness and benevolence that makes no demands for its sustenance and extends generously the products of its life and activity; it affords protection to all beings.”**

- *Buddhist Sutra*

## LINKING UP

## UP AND COMING

**PROJECT CANOPY**  
assists communities and nonprofit,  
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sustaining urban and community forestry  
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professionals from throughout the country have come forward to systematically inventory trees and assess them for condition, risk to public safety, and make recommendations for appropriate care. One of those volunteers, Tom Hoerth, Tree Warden and Arborist from Bath, Maine, spent two weeks in the Hurricane ravaged New Orleans. He spent much of his time in City Park, home to over 250 breathtaking mature live oaks, including the 600-year-old McDonogh oak. Amazingly, although over 1,000 trees were lost in the park, none of the ancient oak population was destroyed, though many did suffer damage. Thanks to the efforts of hard working volunteers like Tom, communities in the area will be provided with a baseline assessment of tree conditions to provide them with information that may help with financing and planning efforts to restore and repair their urban forests.

### BALTIMORE CITY COMMITS TO URBAN TREE COVER GOAL

In an effort to improve water and air quality for its residents, Baltimore recently became the second city in the Chesapeake Bay watershed to commit to increasing its urban tree canopy, which currently covers 20 percent of the city. City and state officials have met to develop an Urban Tree Canopy (UTC) Goal specifically for Baltimore that seeks to achieve a 46% cover within 30-years. The first city to commit to a UTC Goal was Annapolis. For more information, contact Mike Galvin at [mgalvin@dnr.state.md.us](mailto:mgalvin@dnr.state.md.us).

### STRATEGIES FOR PLANTING IN PITS

"Positively the Pits: Successful Strategies for Sustainable Streetscapes" outlines street-tree planting techniques that can be employed in restricted planting locations. Learn more at [http://www.natlarb.com/content/pubs/November\\_2003\\_TCI\\_-\\_Positively\\_the\\_Pits.htm](http://www.natlarb.com/content/pubs/November_2003_TCI_-_Positively_the_Pits.htm)

#### May

**Throughout May** Birding Walks. Join Pine Tree State Arboretum Staff and Augusta Bird Club members for early morning bird identification. Saturdays, May 6, 13, 20 & 27 at 6 AM join PTSA staff in the Arboretum parking lot, or at 7 AM join the group at the Outdoor Education Center (Cistern). May 8-12 join Augusta Bird Club members at 7 AM in the DEP parking lot next to Piggery Road. All bird walks are free and open to the public.

**4** Butterfly Gardening, 6:30 –8 PM, Pine Tree State Arboretum, Augusta, ME. Free to members, \$5 non-members. Contact PTSA at 207-621-0031 or visit [www.pinetreestatearboretum.org](http://www.pinetreestatearboretum.org) for more information.

**12-13** 2006 Northeastern Forest Products Equipment Expo. Essex Junction, VT. Contact [www.northernlogger.com](http://www.northernlogger.com) or 1-800-318-7561 for more information.

**19** Tree Tour of the Pine Tree State Arboretum and Vaughan Woods in Hallowell. Contact Amy Witt, University of Maine Cooperative Extension at 1-800-287-1471 or [awitt@umext.maine.edu](mailto:awitt@umext.maine.edu) for more information. Free and open to the public.

**19** ISA Certified Arborist Exam, 8 AM – 12 PM. North Belgrade Community Center, Belgrade, ME. Contact ISA at [www.isa-arbor.com](http://www.isa-arbor.com) or 217-355-9411 for an application. Exam registration must be received by ISA at least 12 working days prior to the date of the exam.

**22-26** Maine Arbor Week, Events Statewide. Contact Jan Ames Santerre FMI at 207-623-2371 or [canopyinfo@adelphia.net](mailto:canopyinfo@adelphia.net).

**22-26** Arbor week Tree Seedling Sale, 10 AM – 1 PM, Pine Tree State Arboretum, Augusta, ME. Contact PTSA FMI.

#### June

**3** New England Tree Climbing Competition. Roger Williams Park, Providence, RI.

**19-21** Community Forestry At Its Best National Conference. Arbor Day Farm Lied Lodge and Conference Center, Nebraska City, NE.

#### July

**29 – Aug 2** 2006 ISA Annual Conference, Minneapolis, MN. Contact ISA at 330-425-9330 or visit [www.isa-arbor.com/conference.aspx](http://www.isa-arbor.com/conference.aspx)

#### August

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#### September

**13** Maine Arborist Licensing Exam, Augusta, ME. FMI contact the Division of Plant Industry at 207-287-3891 or download applications from [www.maine.gov/agriculture/pi/arborist/licensing.htm](http://www.maine.gov/agriculture/pi/arborist/licensing.htm). Registration deadline August 23, 2006.

**If you would like to put your community's activity on the calendar, please let one of the editors know by the 15th of each month.**

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